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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2008

English Language – Paper 2

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BOOKLET A

30 Questions

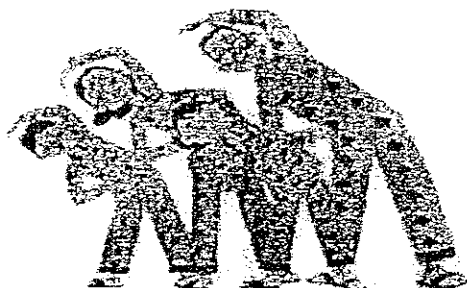
30 Marks

Duration of Paper : 1 hour 50 minutes

Note:

1. Do not open this Booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Questions 1 - 30 are to be done on the OAS provided.
3. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the Booklet.
4. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
5. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.



Spent A Fun And Healthy Morning With The Whole Family
Come For Your Free Fitness Assessment On Sundays

CALL THE SPORTS FOR LIFE HOTLINE NOW 6348 4222
Fax: 6340 9575 or visit our website: <http://www.ssc.gov.sg>

Nothing brings a family together like an activity everyone can enjoy. It could be something where you can learn all about your physical fitness. So, why not come for the NAPFA Challenge and join others like yourself who are already making fitness a part of their lives? It is a great way to spend quality time with the entire family. Besides, you can check your fitness level with the free fitness assessments. It only takes a bit of your time to start enjoying a healthier lifestyle. First time participants are required to pre-register. Registration and participation in the fitness assessments are free. Participants from 1 October to 30 November will be eligible for the lucky draw to be conducted on 2 December 2008 at 2.00 pm at the Yio Chu Kang Stadium. Lucky draw participants must be 18 years and above.

Reward for Staying Fit and Healthy

Awards	Discounts
Gold	30%
Silver	20%
Bronze	10%

As a reward for your achievement, NTUC Income is offering to all award winners special discounts for the NTUC Insurance Scheme. For more details on the coverage and premiums, please call 6332 5335 / 6332 5333.

CALENDAR FOR FITNESS ASSESSMENT

Dates: 5 October, 19 October, 2 November, 16 November
Venues: Stadiums in the following Zones

East Zone : Bedok Stadium / Tampines Stadium
West Zone : Queenstown Stadium / Clementi Stadium
North Zone : Yio Chu Kang Stadium / Woodlands Stadium

NAPFA Challenge: 19 October, 16 November
Participants must assemble at any of the stadiums by 7.45 am. The first activity starts at 8.00 am.

Four options are given for each question. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (5 marks)

1. Which number would you call if you wish to go for the free fitness assessment?

- (1) 6332 5335
- (2) 6332 5333
- (3) 6340 9575
- (4) 6348 4222

2. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.

- (1) offer special discounts for the NTUC Insurance Scheme
- (2) give free fitness assessment on Sundays
- (3) reward people for staying fit and healthy
- (4) encourage the whole family to enjoy a healthier lifestyle

3. Wei Lun and his two classmates want to take part in the NAPFA Challenge on 19 October. All the three boys are in Primary 5 and they are taking part for the first time. Which one of the following statements apply to the boys?

- (1) The three boys are eligible for the lucky draw.
- (2) The three boys need to pre-register.
- (3) The three boys must assemble at the stadium at 8.00am.
- (4) The three boys cannot take part in the NAPFA Challenge as they are too young.

4. Ahmad and his family live in the east and they want to take part in the free health assessment. The nearest place which they can go to is _____.

- (1) Queenstown Stadium
- (2) Woodlands Stadium
- (3) Tampines Stadium
- (4) Yio Chu Kang Stadium

5. _____, is most likely to call the Sports For Life Hotline to find out more about the activities.

- (1) William, a sports enthusiast
- (2) Bob, a retiree who is not keen in sports
- (3) James, an executive who only likes to work out in an air-conditioned gym
- (4) Jared, a teenager who spends all of his leisure time watching movies

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7marks)

6. The reckless driver was barred _____ driving for two years.

- (1) to (2) at
(3) from (4) with

7. "Don't open the door _____ you don't know who the caller is," said Mother.

- (1) unless (2) if
(3) so (4) but

8. The manager, together with all his employees, _____ regularly after work recently.

- (1) are jogging (2) is jogging
(3) has been jogging (4) have been jogging

9. There is a marked resemblance _____ the two boys.

- (1) among (2) amidst
(3) besides (4) between

10. The joy of learning that she had qualified for the top university made her _____.

- (1) cried (2) crying
(3) cries (4) cry

11. To the annoyance of his colleagues, Mr Wee talks a lot but _____ stops to listen to others.

- (1) seldom (2) always
(3) occasionally (4) frequently

12. When Jeremy saw the wallet we had found, he said he knew _____ it was.

- (1) which (2) whom
(3) who (4) whose

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Frank Lloyd Wright stood on the station platform. Four large suitcases were beside him (13)

"Where are you off to (14) asked his old friend, Edgar.

"I'm going to Japan to build a new hotel there," replied Frank.

"But they have earthquakes in Japan."

"I know and that's what makes the job so interesting."

Frank had read a lot about earthquakes. He knew that they were caused by pieces of the earth's surface moving against each other. To have any hope of standing at such a time (15) a building would have to 'move' too.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [!] exclamation mark
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,] comma
(4) [?] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The _____, who shocked the audience in the theatre with his bomb hoax, has been arrested.

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| (1) joker | (2) prankster |
| (3) performer | (4) trickster |

17. The characters in the play are not real; they are all _____.

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| (1) fake | (2) fanciful |
| (3) false | (4) fictitious |

18. Ron yelled, "Stop your _____ chatter and give my ears a rest!"

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| (1) incessant | (2) insistent |
| (3) intentional | (4) infectious |

19. The burglars broke into the shop by removing several _____ of glass from the window.

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| (1) slabs | (2) panes |
| (3) blocks | (4) cubes |

20. The Korean architect speaks English with a strange _____. As a result, our local workers cannot understand him.

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| (1) tone | (2) pitch |
| (3) accent | (4) sound |

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The Police Bicycle Patrol started a few years ago. Through such patrols, the police hope to fight crime in residential areas. They also hope to improve understanding between the police and the community.

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The first bicycle patrols proved highly successful and since then, additional patrols have been set up. The police are encouraged by the residents' response to the bicycle patrols.

(24)

(23)

As the pedal policemen have shown their friendliness, the public now know that the policemen are people that they can rely on for help.

(25)

21. (1) erase (2) combat
(3) supervise (4) solve
22. (1) expand (2) promote
(3) extend (4) lift
23. (1) spurred (2) comforted
(3) strengthened (4) favoured
24. (1) reaction (2) attitude
(3) behaviour (4) answer
25. (1) amiability (2) ambiguity
(3) animosity (4) anonymity

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

We have often complained about smelly lifts. I used to wonder how these mischief-makers can be allowed to get enjoyment from making others suffer. You can imagine how pleased I was, therefore, to read that such mischief-makers can be caught in the act. Now people know that even if they are alone in the lift, they have to behave.

Special machines put into certain lifts have made **this** possible. Sensors set things in motion the instant urine is detected in any part of the lift. A camera films the culprit in action. A special alarm at the HDB headquarters is activated. The lift jams. The culprit, unable to get away, has to wait till the rescue team arrives. Of course, the HDB authorities make sure the police are there too.

Apart from lifts, mischief-makers have been at work elsewhere. Jerry and I found out where. Last week, we visited the Botanical Gardens to study the huge cactuses there and compare them with our own.

From our experience, cactuses can thrive in Singapore although it is rather wet. Here they grow continuously, so they are fleshier and juicier than those in the desert. That would be fine, except that most of the cactuses we saw **were not looking as healthy as they should**.

Their fleshy leaves and juicy stems must have been very inviting to the mischief-makers. The result was unsightly scratching of names and silly messages on whatever was within reach. Where they come from, the desert air would have caused the badly affected cactuses to dry up and die.

Many of these cactuses are rare and difficult to replace. The rangers keep a look-out for such vandals but as they cannot be around all the time, some devices to catch the vandals should be installed.

Such inconsiderate vandals do not realise that the public property they destroy belongs to them, together with the other citizens. In the end, the money for the repair work or cleaning up has to come from all Singaporeans.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. According to the passage, mischief-makers are people who _____
- (1) are allowed to do mischief
 - (2) cause the complaints about the smelly lifts
 - (3) like being made to suffer
 - (4) enjoy making things unpleasant for others
27. The word 'this' in paragraph 2 refers to _____
- (1) being pleased with the machines
 - (2) catching the mischief-makers
 - (3) being well-behaved in lifts
 - (4) making sure the lifts remain clean
28. The cactuses were "not looking as healthy as they should" because _____
- (1) they are not used to the climate in Singapore
 - (2) they should have been fleshier and juicier
 - (3) they were badly damaged
 - (4) they had dried up
29. The phrase "From our experience" in paragraph 4 suggests that the boys _____
- (1) grow cactuses as a hobby
 - (2) read up on cactuses
 - (3) find the weather in Singapore too wet
 - (4) like huge cactuses
30. Which of the following would be a suitable title for the passage?
- (1) Save the Cactuses from Vandals
 - (2) Various Acts of Vandalism
 - (3) Look Out for Vandals!
 - (4) Vandalism Does Not Pay



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 Marks

MARKS

	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) more	(D) from	(G) too	(K) by	(N) are
(B) at	(E) with	(H) and	(L) of	(P) a
(C) is	(F) an	(J) to	(M) most	(Q) so

Being skinny is not beautiful, but being healthy is.

Most young people, unfortunately, believe that looking thin - and therefore "stylish" - is a major way (31) _____ maintaining self-worth. Unfortunately, they might take this (32) _____ far and end up (33) _____ eating disorders.

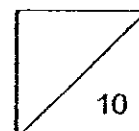
"Two of the more common eating disorders (34) _____ anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa," says Dr Lee Huei Yen, consultant, Department of Psychiatry (35) _____ the Singapore General Hospital.

Anorexics and bulimics both suffer (36) _____ body-image distortion and have (37) _____ intense fear of weight gain. Both eating disorders are ten times (38) _____ common in females than males.

"Eating disorders are caused (39) _____ the interaction of many factors. These factors may be biological, psychological, family or social," says Dr Lee.

"Those who have eating disorders also tend to be perfectionists (40) _____ high achievers with unrealistic expectations of themselves," adds Dr Lee. "They may also have overprotective families who are ineffective at resolving conflict."

Adapted from Mind Your Body, Straits Times, 20 February 2008



Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41)

Napoleon was a **comemdar** of the French army.

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A great **conkerer**, he later became the emperor of France. He have

(44)

fought many battles in Europe and brought many countries in French rule.

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Once, Napoleon visited a battlefield. Many soldiers lain dead and

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some were **sirvearily** injured. He knew that his presence will certainly

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motivate his men to fight more **courayjesly**. Then he saw a badly

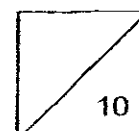
(49)

ingered enemy soldier. The man would die if his bleeding was not stopped.

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He went near the man. Suddenly, the man try to stab Napoleon

with a dagger. He missed and was immediately shot by Napoleon's guards.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

One winter night in Canada, during the early days of World War II, around 1940, a middle-aged widow (51) _____ from her troubled sleep to see her younger brother standing at the foot of her bed.

The strange thing was that the woman (52) _____ her younger brother was in England, (53) _____ with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Yet, she saw him clearly, (54) _____ in a pilot's suit, his face was deathly (55) _____ and he looked very serious. In fact, his appearance was beyond (56) _____. It was horrifying! The woman screamed and the strange phantom (57) _____

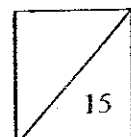
When her three children (58) _____ her scream, they (59) _____ to her room to find her crying loudly, "He's dead! I know he's dead!"

She was right! Sometime later, she (60) _____ out that her brother's (61) _____ had been shot down over England. This occurred at the very (62) _____ time the woman saw the phantom of her brother in her room.

How do you (63) _____ what she had seen?

Well, some scientists say that most probably, during the pilot's last (64) _____, his thoughts had turned towards his sister back home in Canada. A last goodbye – a kind of cry for help – was flashed from his mind to hers (65) _____ telepathy.

Telepathy is the ability to be immediately aware of the thoughts and feelings of others or the ability to make someone aware of how one feels.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Choo Mei is very beautiful. Choo Hong is ugly.

Choo Mei unlike _____

67. "What must we do now?" the girl asked her mother.

The girl asked her mother _____

68. As long as you drink enough water, you will not get dehydrated.

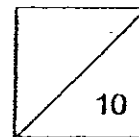
_____ unless _____

69. We warned Jianlong. Jianlong left the tent without his torch.

In spite of _____

70. The humming bird can fly backwards. No other bird can do that.

The only _____



Around 8 o'clock on a bitter cold morning on 5 May 2003, mountain climber Peter Madew, a lanky 37-year-old construction engineer from Australia, joined the queue with twenty other climbers for the final ascent of the notorious North Face. This was also the toughest and most dangerous part in his dream to conquer the most famous mountain on the planet, Mount Everest.

The day was a brilliant blue and although the temperature was well below zero, almost no wind meant excellent conditions for the summit climb. Madew had formed a strong bond with two other climbers, Harrod and Abuhaidar. The trio soon came upon the preserved body of a climber who had died an indeterminate time before. Despite the unsettling sight of the dead man, their mood was upbeat, strong and confident. Madew felt certain that they would get to the top. Only two of the infamous "Three Steps"- sheer rock faces guarding the summit – remained to be scaled.

Abuhaidar had moved ahead of the other two and reached Second Step, not far from the summit. He could not see his partners below. He had been climbing for six hours to get to where he was. He was totally unaware of the drama that was unfolding below.

Harrod had hitched himself to a fixed rope anchored to the rock face that followed a narrow, icy ledge. Suddenly, the fixed rope sagged, catapulting Harrod off the ledge. He crashed heavily down the cliff-side on his left leg. When Harrod tried to stand, his left leg collapsed and he let out a shriek of agony. He could feel the shattered bones in his upper ankle grinding together. His leg was broken.

Madew, who was right behind, saw the accident. Concerned that the rope holding them would give way altogether, he quickly unclipped himself from it and made his way up. When he arrived, he could see that Harrod was badly hurt. Hardly anyone lives after breaking a leg this high up on Everest. The preserved bodies scattered around the mountain's high-altitude death zone above 8000 metres bore testimony to the Everest maxim: immobilisation is death.

Harrod was in grave danger of suffering frostbite, at risk of dangerously poor blood circulation, exhaustion, losing his broken leg to gangrene and eventually death if he stayed longer in the open, far up on Everest.

Luckily, both men were equipped with radios capable of contacting support staff far below at base camp. Madew got a scrambled message out but he could not be certain if the message had been picked up. Meanwhile, he started making preparation for their descent. Then, he saw a figure coming towards them through the swirling snow. It was Abuhaidar.

He had been waiting impatiently higher up when his radio crackled with the news from the base camp staff that Harrod was badly injured. Madew's frantic call had finally gone through.

(Adapted from : Trapped on Everest , Reader's Digest July 2004)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

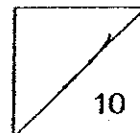
71. What was Peter Madew's occupation?

72. What was Peter Madew's dream?

73. What was the best weather condition for Peter and his friends to have a go at the summit?

74. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Abuhaidar did not know what happened to Harold?

75. Explain clearly why the sight of the dead man did not affect the climbers.



76. Choose the word in the passage that has the same meaning as:

a) top - _____

b) notorious - _____

77. Explain clearly how Harrod injured his leg.

78. Besides exhaustion and poor blood circulation, list two potential dangers faced by Harrod after he had broken his leg.

79. Explain clearly how Abuhaidar received Madew's news of Harrod's injury.

80. What did the two men have to give up in order to save their friend?
What does this tell you about them?

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